

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 3682
PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2008, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michioka (JP 11-2241) in view of Pitner (U.S. Patent No. 3,964,802). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

Claim 1 recites:

A linear guide apparatus comprising: